GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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DISCONTINUATION OF TOBACCO CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of health hazards, the Government propose to discourage tobacco cultivation and suggest growing alternate crops to reduce tobacco cultivation and help the farmers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) : The Government does not have any scheme for promoting cultivation of tobacco crop in the country. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research advises the tobacco farmers about alternative crops that can be grown by them.